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A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing a moratorium on the mining of silica sand and
2 including effective date provisions.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. SILICA SAND MINING — MORATORIUM.

2 1. For purposes of this section, "silica sand" means
3 well-rounded, sand-sized grains of quartz, also known as
4 silicon dioxide, with few impurities in terms of other minerals
5 that is typically used in the process of hydraulic fracturing
6 of shale. "Silica sand" does not include common rock, stone,
7 aggregate, gravel, sand with a low quartz level, or silica
8 compounds recovered as a by-product of metallic mining.

9 2. On or after the effective date of this Act, the
10 department of agriculture and land stewardship shall not issue
11 a new mining license pursuant to section 208.7 for an operator
12 to engage in the mining of silica sand and shall not approve
13 the registration of a new mine site for silica sand pursuant
14 to section 208.9.

15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
16 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill relates to the mining of silica sand.

21 The bill prohibits the department of agriculture and land
22 stewardship, on or after the effective date of the bill, from
23 issuing a new mining license for an operator to engage in the
24 mining of silica sand and from approving the registration of a
25 new mine site for silica sand.

26 The bill takes effect upon enactment.